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02/28/2013 Minutes

Arlington Public Art

Approved Meeting Minutes February, 28, 2013

Meeting held at Town Hall Annex first floor conference room, 9 am 02/28/13

Attendees: Adria Arch, David Ardito, Jane Howard, Jaime Joseph, Bill Turville, Gail McCormick, Jill Manca; Nilou Maloof, Alberto Guzman ; Barbara Costa, Karen Wihbey

- Googlegroups: Adria will be sending out simple instructions to help all members use Googlegroups for exchanging information between all members. Each member should make sure they have signed up and that they can send messages. Contact Adria with questions regarding this system.
 - George Plimpton film night: Friday March 22, 2013 7:30 - 9:30 at the ACA. The organizers (Barbara Costa, Dave Ardito and Jane Howard et al.) are still seeking further funding for this event. However it is also a fundraiser for APA and admission will be charged. Invite all your friends and literary *aficionados*. All APA members are encouraged to arrive a bit early to help before and/or during and/or after the event. Homemade cookies and cider will be served. Cookies from all sources are welcome.
 - Conflict of interest law: On-line training is required for all APA members (as members of a public agency). This is to be done on our own via www.muniprogram.state.ma.us. We are to do this asap. This is a new/revised course but those who have done the training recently will likely have used the new course. People who did this training last year should do it again this year.
 - APA Logo: New logo has been designed and is being used (it looks good...Arlington Public Art with a split color wheel below it).
 - Eco-Fest/Sustainable Arlington and APA: (Gail McCormick, Jaime Joseph et al.) March 23, 2013 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Town Hall. Gail showed several large collaged and painted "carbon footprints" which will be displayed and sold. Arlington students are making recycled art for the display. Anyone is welcome to make carbon footprints and/or recycled art for display and/or sale at the booth. Jaime will make a customized art chair for the booth as well to cross-promote both Sustainable Arlington and Chairful.
 - Sign for the Spy Pond Mural: Parks and Recreation will make and install a metal/all-weather sign (probably for Linwood Circle) with text, APA logo, etc:
 - Chairful: (Adria Arch) July 21 to July 28, 2013, at two locations: Bike Path at Lake Street and in Jefferson Cutter Park. Guidelines and application, etc have been revised/updated and formatted for 2013 and are ready to be disseminated. Entry fee: \$10 per artist with a goal of getting 60 chairs made and sold. Volunteers and other logistics to be worked out at future meetings. This program has been partially funded by the Arlington Cultural Council (remember to use MCC logo on all materials). Chairful will use ACA bank account until an APA account and/or the Arlington Fund for Public Art is established. This event may become annual.
 - Arlington Fund for Public Art: (Jane Howard) Warrant Article has been written to establish this fund. Board of Selectman will meet (March 18 at 7:00 PM) and approve warrant, town meeting needs to approve it and then it goes to the legislature for approval. This is a unique fund, outside of the regular town budget and cannot be used for anything except public art (similar to similar restrictions on the Arlington Water Bodies Fund). Donations and any APA or other revenue can be added to this fund. It needs to be administered by a Town department (possibly the Planning Department). ACA will be the bank account until this is established.
9. Projects for 2014: Note: these events will need staffing to organize and make happen
 - a) Windows event: "Literary snippets" (modeled after the event sponsored by the Helen Day Arts Center in Stowe VT) vinyl letters in store windows with literary quotes, etc.
 - b) Transformer box painting: use donated paint and anti-graffiti paint; getting permission from the owners is first step; consider Mass. Ave. Corridor project tie-ins;
 10. Mission statement development: 30 second "elevator speech". Possibly take this right out of longer mission statement. APA members can take a shot at drafting this.
 11. Arlington cultural commission has been appointed and is underway/at work. First meeting is March 7. Has some specific requests and task from the Bd. of Selectmen. One is to identify some public spaces for performances/performance art.
 12. Arlington Cultural Council: reception for grantees April 6, 2013 6-7:30 PM at ACA
One project, the Waldo Park tree sculpture project will be completed in June.
 13. Poster contest for the AIFF has been completed. Poster looks great and is being published. The event went well (as usual!).
 14. Feast of the East June 15 (verify). APA table needs volunteers

Next meeting: March 21, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the first floor conference room of the town hall annex.